

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 and 20-35 are currently pending.

Claims 2-7 and 21 are withdrawn from consideration. However, it is respectfully submitted that the withdrawn claims should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed, since the withdrawn claims depend from claim 1.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC 103 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE

OVER TAKAUJI (US PATENT NO. 6,292,284)

The present application and Takauji are both assigned to Fujitsu Limited. Please note that an Assignment for the present application was recorded at Reel/Frame 010576/0313.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that Takauji falls under 35 USC 103(c).

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Takauji should not preclude patentability of the present invention under 35 USC 103.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. IDS

An IDS was filed on March 10, 2003. Form PTO-326 of the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, indicates that an acknowledged Form-1449 was attached to the Office Action.

Presumably, this was an acknowledged Form-1449 of the IDS filed March 10, 2003.

However, it appears that the copy of the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, and received by the Applicant's representative from the USPTO did not include a copy of the acknowledged Form-1449.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner mail another copy of the acknowledged Form-1449 of the IDS filed March 10, 2003.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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